(d) if so, what more facilities Government propose to provide in the near future to this area?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Delhi Alministration has decided not to grant any new licences or give new electric connections to the industrial units in the Anand Parbat area.

Transfer Policy of D.D.A.

252. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the transfer policy in the case of Commissioner (Slum), DDA, Delhi;

(b) what is the continuous stay of the present Commissioner (Slum), D.D.A. Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of time proposal to transfer the present Commissioner (Slum) were cancelled at the highest level; and

(d) what is present position of this case and action being contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The present Commissioner (Slum & JJR), DDA initially came on deputation as Director (Slum & JJR) on 18-1-84 and this post was subsequently redesignated as Commissioner (Slum & JJR). The officer resigned from Government Service was absorbed against the post of Commissioner (Slum & JJR) in November, 1987. At present there is no proposal to transfer him.

रेल दुर्घटनाएं और जंजीर खींचने की घटनाएं

253. डा० अबरार अहमद खान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत पांच महीनों के दौरान कितनी रेल दुर्घटनाएं हुई, उनमें कितने व्यक्ति मारे गये और कुल कितनी आर्थिक हानि हुई ; दुर्घटना के क्या कारण हैं और मरने वालों के परिवारों को क्या वित्तीय सहायत दी गई है ;

(ख) रेलों में जंजीर खींचने की घटनाओं, यात्रियों का सामान चोरी होने और गुंडागर्दी की बढ़ती हुई दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ;

(ग) क्या जंजीर खींचने की घटनाओं के संबंध में कोई रिकार्ड रखा जाता है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और यदि हां, तो गत एक वर्ष के दौरान विभिन्न रेलों में जंजीर खींचने की कितनी घटनाएं हुईं और उक्त कार्य के लिये कितने व्यक्तियों को दंडित किया गया तथा उन्हें क्या दंड दिया गया ; और

(घ) भविष्य में रेल दुर्घटनाओं की पुनरावृत्ति को रोकने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाय जा रहे हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री अजय सिंह) : (क) से (घ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Minimum Wages to Agricultural Labour

254. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to guarantee minimum wages to agricultural labour and workers of unorganised sectors;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken so far any steps to achieve its commitments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) The Central Government as well as all State Governments have fixed minimum wages under the Minimum Wages Act for workers in agriculture as also for workers in other scheduled employments in the unorganised sector. The Central|State Governments have also appointed Inspectors and Claim Authorities to ensure payment of minimum wages to the workers and for the enforcement of various other provisions of the Act.

Devolution of Powers, Functions and Resources to Panchayati Institutions

255. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to promote a genuine devolution of powers, functions and resources to Panchayati Raj Institutions to enable fullest participation of the people in developmental process;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps so far in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Proposals for revitalisation of Panchayati Raj Institution will be placed before the Chief Ministers and, in the light of the deliberations in the Chief Minister's Conference, further action would be taken.

256. [*Transferred to* 8th May, 1990]

Direct Investment on People for Basic Needs

257. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to make direct investment on the people for provision of basic needs like education, nutrition, health, drinking water etc.;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps so far in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) to (d) The provision of basic needs to the people is primarily a State responsibility. The Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) is being implemented since the beginning of the Fifth Plan to provide the basic needs like Elementary & Adult Education, Rural Health, Rural Water Supply, Rural Roads, Rural Electrification, Rural Housing, Environmental improvement of Slums, Nutrition etc. Although MNP is a State subject, the Central Government also provide assistance for some of its components like Elementary & Adult Education, Rural Health, Rural Water Supply, Rural Sanitation and Public Distribution System. A Statement showing the resources provided during the Seventh Plan is enclosed in an Annexure. The outlay for the Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised for various components of MNP. (*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 14).

Changing the Railways Signalling System in Bombay

258. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are compelled to change the signalling system in Bombay due to fluctuations in voltage of the electricity supplied by Maharashtra State Electricity Board; and